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Fairfax County Park Authority Seeks Volunteers

Scotts Run Nature Preserve To Host National Trails Day Event

The Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) Scotts Run Nature Preserve will host an American Hiking Society's National Trails Day 2008 event on Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join representatives from the Park Authority, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), the American Hiking Society, the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, Nature Valley Granola Bars, and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Backpacker Magazine and Trimble for a fulfilling day of trail building! The day begins with a brief ceremony to welcome volunteers and highlight the importance of environmental stewardship.

Volunteers will re-route and reconstruct sections of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail through mature forest and along the bank of the Potomac River at Scotts Run Nature Preserve, a 350- acre wooded tract. Other projects include constructing erosion control structures and removing invasive plants. Tasks will be available for volunteers of all ages and all ability levels.

Families and groups are welcome! Registration is required. To register, call REI at 703-379-9400, or email Mark Nelson at mnelson@rei.com. Water will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own reusable water bottles. Nature Valley will provide healthy snacks.

Tools will be provided, but participants should bring their own gloves, and any extra pruning shears will be appreciated. Wear sturdy boots, long pants and have rain gear available.

Due to limited parking at the work site, shuttle buses will be provided from 7 to 3 p.m. to transport volunteers from nearby Cooper Middle School's parking lot, which is located at 977 Balls Hill Rd in McLean, VA. Volunteers should park at the school.

In conjunction with National Trails Day, the FCPA is hosting numerous other events throughout the county. Trailfest 2008 events include scavenger hunts, naturalist-led walks, and bike and horse rides. For information about additional Trailfest events, and other Park Authority Trail projects, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trailfest.

Scotts Run Nature Preserve is located at 7400 Georgetown Pike in McLean, Virginia.

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